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TO prevent all further delays and neglects in paying in Monies, and perfecting Conveyances by such who have contracted for Bishops Lands; It is Ordered and Ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That all and every such person or persons, who have contracted, or shall hereafter contract for any Lands, Possessions, or Hereditaments of the late Archbishops and Bishops;

And according to an Ordinance of the Three and twentyeth of *September*, One thouſand ſix hnndred forty and ſeven, have obtained, or ſhall obtain from any Five or more of the Contractors for ſale of the ſaid Lands, any Certificate of Allowance of any reaſonable cauſe ſhewed, or to be ſhewed by him or them, for his or their not proſecuting and perfecting their reſpective Conveyances upon their Contracts, and ſhall neglect within the time limited by the ſaid Contractors certificate to procure his or their reſpective Conveyances from the Truſtees for ſale of the ſaid Lands, ſhall forfeit the Third part of the whole Moneys payable upon his or their reſpective Contracts; unleſs he or they ſhall, within that time, upon good cauſe ſhewn, procure from Five or more of the ſaid Contractors a new Certificate for further time to perfect his or their Conveyances, and likewiſe pay in the Moiety of the purchaſe-money, (or ſo much as the ſame ſhall be Eſtimated by the Regiſter, in caſe it cannot be aſcertained) at ſuch time as the ſaid Contractors certificate ſhall appoint; And likewiſe agree to pay the ſecond Moiety within Six moneths after ſuch payment of the firſt: Provided, That if the aforementioned Eſtimate of the Moiety of the Purchaſe-money paid in as aforeſaid, ſhall upon caſting up of the Rates appear to be more or leſſe then the true Moiety of the ſaid Purchaſe-money; that then there ſhall be ſuch Abatement or Addition out of or unto the ſecond payment, as ſhall reduce and bring it to the juſt Moiety. And it is Ordered and Ordained, That the Forfeitures of all ſuch perſons who have any Moneys ſecured unto them by any of the Ordinances for the ſale of Biſhops lands, ſhall

ſhall be wholly defalked by the Treaſurers out of ſuch Moneys, if ſufficient to ſatisfie the ſame; if not, then the ſaid Treaſurers are to detain ſo much as is due unto them upon the ſaid ſecurity to be raiſed; and the reſidue of the ſaid Moneys ſo forfeited, as is directed by this Ordinance: And ſuch perſon or perſons who have no Moneys on the ſaid Security, and notwithſtanding have contracted or ſhall contract for the ſaid premiſes, or any part thereof, but have not perfected his or their Conveyances according to the ſaid Ordinance of Parliament, his or their Forfeiture ſhall likewiſe bee levied as is directed by this preſent Ordinance. And it is further Ordered and Ordained, That ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall incurre or make any Forfeiture by reaſon of the aforeſaid, or this preſent Ordinance, ſhall pay in to the ſaid Treaſurers his or their Moneys ſo forfeited, or ſo much of it as is unſatisfied, within Ten dayes next after ſuch Forfeiture made: And in caſe the ſame be not paid in to the ſaid Treaſurers within the time before limited; the ſaid Treaſurers, or any two of them, are hereby required under their hands to certifie ſuch neglects of Non-payment unto Five or more of the ſaid Contractors of the ſaid Lands within three dayes next after ſuch default made; and after ſuch certificate made, The ſaid Contractors any Five or more of them are hereby required and enjoyned to make certificates under Five or more of their hands, of the ſum or ſums of Money forfeited as aforeſaid, unto the reſpective Committees or Commiſſioners for Sequeſtration in the ſeverall and reſpective Counties and places within the Realm of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, where ſuch perſon or perſons forfeiting

as aforesaid, have or hath any reall or personall Estate. And it is further ordered, ordained, and declared by the authority aforesaid, That the said respective Committees or Commissioners for Sequestration, shall, and are hereby authorized and required upon Receipt of such Certificate from the said Contractors; to seize, sequester and secure the reall and personall Estate of such person or persons so forfeiting, as aforesaid; and the same to detain in their custody without sale or disposall thereof, for the space of ten dayes, Provided that if the person or persons so sequestred, do pay or cause to be paid in to the said Treasurers his or their Forfeitures within the said ten dayes, that then upon Certificate from the said Treasurers, or any two of them to the respective Committees or Commissioners of the payment thereof, the said Committees or Commissioners for Sequestrations, are to discharge the Sequestration of the said reall and personall Estate of such person or persons; And it is further Ordained, That in case such person or persons forfeiting as aforesaid, doe not satisfie and pay in his or their Forfeitures within the said ten dayes, That then the said Committees or Commissioners are hereby required and authorized to levie and raise such sum or sums certified unto them as aforesaid, by sale of the Goods, and Receipts of the Rents, Issues, and Profits of the Lands of such person or persons; & after the sum certified, as aforesaid, is raised, the said Lands, and residue of the said Goods unsold are to be discharged of the Sequestration. And it is further Ordained that all the said Forfeitures shall be paid in by the respective Committees or Commissioners to the said Treasurers to be disposed of for such

purposes

purposes as are appointed by the Ordinance of the 16. of *November*, One thousand Six hundred Forty and Six; as the Trustees or any five or more of them shall by their warrant under their hands direct, which they are hereby authorized to doe; and such their warrant, together with the parties Acquitance, to whom the same shall be paid, according to such warrant, shall be a sufficient discharge to the Treasurers in that behalfe. And it is further Ordained, That after such Forfeiture incurred, It may and shall be lawfull for any five or more of the Contractors to contract for and sell all or any of the said Lands, so contracted for, and not prosecuted, to any other person or persons, Notwithstanding the former Contract, as if it never had been made (Any former Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.) And it is lastly Ordained, That the Trustees for the said Lands, doe forthwith send this Ordinance to the respective Sheriffes of the severall Counties, Cities and Boroughes in the Kingdome of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, who are hereby required to Publish this present Ordinance in the chief Market Townes of the said County, the next Market day after the Receipt thereof; And the day of the Publication thereof to certifie to the said Trustees.

Io. Browne Cler. Parliamentorum.

H. Elsynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

FINIS.